



Fire Industry Association



**Introducing the new FIA AO Level 3
Fundamentals of Fire Detection and
Alarm Systems in Non-Domestic Premises**

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LEVEL 3 FUNDAMENTALS OF FIRE DETECTION AND

From November 2019, the FIA is offering training to a new Level 3 qualification for the fire detection and alarm sector (FD&A) – FIA AO Level 3 Fundamentals of Fire Detection and Alarm Systems in Non-Domestic Premises.

This new qualification is designed to provide a concise and focused introduction to the FD&A sector. It comprises 2 x two-day training units and an open-book exam at the end of the second unit, allowing your technicians to gain a Level 3 qualification based on BS 5839-1 upon passing.

For anyone who has already taken the Foundation in FD&A (regardless of the result they achieved) there is a conversion unit available. Complete the two-day conversion unit & exam to achieve the new qualification. You can book your conversion unit via the FIA website; all you need is your unique learner number (ULN), which was issued to delegates when they took the Foundation course.

Why have we launched the new qualification?

Following the Grenfell Tower fire and subsequent Independent Review of Building Regulations & Fire Safety, it is widely accepted that a key way to demonstrate competency is to be qualified to Level 3 standard.

With that in mind, along with listening to industry feedback, we have reviewed our current training and the Level 3 qualifications available and identified the need for a more succinct Level 3 qualification focusing on the fundamentals of fire detection and alarm management.



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ALARM SYSTEMS IN NON-DOMESTIC PREMISES

The Courses

Fundamentals in FD&A

Unit 1 (2 Days)

Training on BS 5839-1 which covers understanding:

- the general requirements
- the design considerations
- the requirements in relation to the responsibility for the limitation of false and unwanted alarms

Unit 2 (2 Days)

Training on BS 5839-1 which covers understanding:

- the installation requirements
- the commissioning requirements
- the maintenance requirements
- the user responsibilities and requirements
- the annexes of BS 5839-1

Successfully passing the exam at the end of the second day leads to the awarding of the FIA AO Level 3 Fundamentals of Fire Detection and Alarm Systems in Non-Domestic Premises.

Conversion to Fundamentals Unit (2 Days)

Aimed at any person who has taken the Foundation in FD&A course regardless of the result. This course is aimed to put you on track to taking the new Level 3 exam using both the knowledge previously gained from the Foundation Course and the learning from these two days of training. Training will cover elements of BS 5839-1 not previously covered in Foundation. Some pre learning will be required prior to taking the course which will be available on the FIA website.

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Questions you may have

I have taken the FIA foundation course previously.

What are my options?

Don't panic. Regardless of whether you passed the foundation course or not, you're eligible to take the two-day conversion unit & exam to gain the new Level 3 qualification. You can book your conversion unit on the website using your unique learner number (ULN) today.

I passed the foundation course and have further courses booked. Are these courses still relevant?

If you have further training booked, the FIA will be in touch shortly to discuss your options. We will make it as smooth as possible for you to continue your route to achieve a qualification.

I passed the foundation course and have not been successful in passing an advanced course.

What happens now?

If you are due to re-sit any exams, please contact the FIA to arrange your resit as soon as possible.

I have already gained one of the current Level 3 qualifications. Is this now out of date?

First of all, congratulations on achieving the level of competency identified by new industry best practice! The qualification you've gained is by no means out of date or superseded. You have a Level 3 qualification in a specialist area of FD&A.